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WASHINGTON SILENT ON NEXT ST

AUSTRO NOTE DISCUSSEDBY

President and Officials Ponder Over Document More Than an Hour.

IS NOT MADE PUBLIC

Wilson and Lansing Both Silent-Break Regarded as Less Probable.

the gravity of the alfuntion course Assurance rejoinder to the American contract which is considered evasive.

The next sten will not be decided on and may be due to trans mission or translation from the state d up before another move is

ry Lausing said the official he note certainly would not

Hope to Avold Break.

informal negotiations which might frequent calls of Baron Zweidinek, the Austrian charge at the stae department give some color to the expectathen for a settlement

Hos much ground there is for such an expectation is not discussed by those who entertain it.

Dues Not Stop Honeymoon.

So far as was apparent today the

prosident at the place where he will said that full insurance was carried. spend his honeymnon. That place, however, in far has been kept a secret. Informal Negotiations On.

Some time after the cabinet meeting Printe Hohenlohe, one of the embassy attaches called on Secretary Lansing and presented a communication. Both the prince and the secretary's office refound to indicate its mature but the presentation of another communication lent strength to the belief that

Text Is Same.

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The official text of Austria's reply proposing further communications on the subject and specific allegations on is virtually identical with the unof- tomorrow night. Scial text cabled to the United States

in its general sense, is the same,

ion had been reached as to the nature Wilbur D. Haines, Cincinnati. of the second note which the United States will send to Austria-Hungary. PARIS POSTPONES It is certain, however, that this note will go forward almost immediately

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.-Henry begun next week. Prather Fletcher, now ambassador to Chile, was nominated by President Wilson today for Ambassador to Mexbroken off nearly three years.



Ford Ship is Released by The British

has sailed from Kirkwall, into which

BLAZE DESTROYS

Situation has not affected President Kankakee, III., Dec. 17.—Fire today Wilson's plans for going on his honey- destroyed the Cleveland Elevator commoon journey after his wedding to- pany's elevator and wood storage house at Sheldon, Ill., with an esti-Refere the president leaves, how mated loss of \$250,000. The structure Richmond, Va., Dec. 17 .- Joseph E. ever, he will agree with Secretary had a capacity of 500,000 bushels of Willard. American ambassador to Langing on the outline of a reply to oats and nearly as much corn. The Spain, is charged in a report filed with Anstria's note and if there should be fire originated in a chute. The value the state auditor of accounts by the Congestion of Freight Traffic Is Reany further change in the situation of the building was \$100,000 and of the examiner of records of Prince William Mr. Lansing will go to confer with the grain stored there, \$150,000. It was county, with having omitted intangible

DOCTORS GATHER IN ANNUAL MEET

surgeons from all parts of the middle west were here today for the annual was being convention of the Western Surgical association. Addresses on technical subjects connected with the profession to the Amelean note on the Ancona, though B. Pastran of Indiananalis 92 years old, long known throughout transportation to and from work, inwhich the American charges are based, presiding. The convention will adjourn Coe, a northern suburb of Chicago.

Slight changes caused by differences N. Elsendrath of Chicago; Dr. Arthur Manitou Island, Mich. His holdings in translation exist, but the meaning, Hertzler, Kansas City; J. Frank Cor- were estimated to be worth \$750,000. hett, Minneapolls; Edward S. Judd and Last winter one of his sons petitioned the courts to appoint a conservator SWEDISH BOAT IS het had considered the reply it was G. Seeling, St. Louis; Arthur T. Mann, for the aged man. Mr. Newhall at the learned authoritatively that no decis- Minneapolis and Charles A. Reed and hearing displayed such a vigorous

BIG MURDER TRIAL

The trial of Raoul Villian, on a charge of murder growing out of the assassination of Jean Leon Jaures, the French socialist leader, has been postponed on the ground that the proceedings might disturb the public

Suffs Plan Campaign. Association.

3 MONTHS CREDIT Relief DEMANDEDBYTHE

office tought that the steamship Os- in the chamber of deputies that the Levenpool, for Rotterdam, has been but little affected. The rains car II, having on beard the Ford peace chawber grant three months credit on beached on the English east coast in a port it was taken by the British au-thorities. Guarantees were required another point in his speech M. Ribot built in 1911 and is owned in West rising rapidly. that certain parts of the steamer's stated that while the war expenditure Hartlepool. She sailed from New it was now 2,100,000,000 francs. The to Rotterdam.

GRAIN ELEVATOR AMBASSADOR IS

property valued at \$1,713,500 from his tax returns. Mr. Willard's counsel claims offsets in loans made to finance before the circuit court.

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 17.—Leading AGED APPLE KING CALLED BY DEATH

Joseph R. Eastman of Indianapolis, the middle west as the "apple king," stead of every hour as had been the Ind., president of the organization, is died early today at his home in Glen practice.

gram were Doctors Emil Bres, and D. acres of cherry and apple orchards on and conciliation. mind that the petition was denied. He was born in 1823 at Conway, Mass., the birth place of the late Marshall Field,

Paris, Dec. 16, 6:20 p. m.—(Delayed) GHICAGO DIGS UP CITY FRAUD CASE

peace. The trial was to have been the city street department, Walter G. to New York under the management of of about 540,000,000 bushels, assuming O terference with American ships O perature Saturday. Leininger, superintendent of streets, this company. Thomas L. Dooley, general foreman of asphalt repairs, and James H. LeVelle, Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—Elec-general foreman of street restoration, Eliseo Arredondo already has tion of officers and discussion of a pro- were found guilty today of inefficiency, joint resolution extending the emerg- higher or lower than this amount. The C peachment against Assistant C Precipitation .18. been appointed Mexican ambassador to posed \$50,000 campaign budget were incompetency and wastefulness by ency revenue tax until Dec. 31, 1916, production of winter wheat in the past O State's Attorney Marshall and the O the United States and Mr. Fletcher's the chief matters before today's ses- which the city was defrauded. The following its passage in the house last season was estimated at 655.055.000 O committee will give give him an- O 7 a.m. S at 1 p. m. today 92. bomination today restores diplomatic sion of the annual convention of the decision was made by a special trial night by a vote of 205 to 189, went to bushels: two years ago, 684,990,006 O other opportunity after the holi- O Stage of water 3.9 feet a fall of .2 in Selations between the two countries, National American Woman Suffrage board, before which the three refused the senate today, where its adoption is bushels, and the average of the pre- O days. to appear.

to Belgians is Blown Up

In the course of his demand today Beigian relief communities's steamer tion. Wire communication likewise

500,000,000 francs (\$120,000,000.) At 4,844 tons gross and 376 feet long was feet, flood stage, at 9 a. m., and was 1,500,000,000 (\$300,000,000) per month. Dec. 11 and was due to proceed thence

the credits asked on account of the steamer Levenpool, which struck a mine in the English channel carried a lowlands but, reports indicate, result-this evening. According to custom, vance guard troops had to retire north mixed cargo of foodstuffs for the Bel- ing as yet in comparatively little dam- the big brother committee of Moline of Chahovre and Bielo. In the direcgians valued at \$1,400,000. It is fully age.

DODGEROFTAXES? PROBLEM SOLVED BY ENDING STRIKE

leased by Return of 600 Men to Switchyards.

Chicago, Dec. 17 .- With the settlethe Richmond and Rappahannock rail-way. The matter will be brought up the Richmond and Rappahannock rail- ment of the strike of 600 employes of chandise valued at millions of dollars, which had been fled up since the strike was called last Tuesday, was released today when the strikers returned to work.

More than fifteen thousand freight ears had clogged the huge switch and transfer yards at Clearing. Under the terms of the settlement, which was ef- Nearly Five Million Acres Less Sown ports. fected last night, the men will be pro-Chicago, Dec. 17-Franklin Newhall, vided with eight trains daily for their

The strike was settled chiefly ing its first report on winter wheat have above ground in the lace of re- molished it with a few well placed Mr. Newhall owned extensive apple through the efforts of G. W. W. Han-Among the speakers on todays pro- orchards near his home and had 6,000 ger of the federal board of mediation

HELD BY BRITISH

sor.) The Swedish steamship Stock- to unfavorable weather for seeding, Q extending the emergency revenue Q | holm, formerly the Holland-American tangled condition of corn on land Q act one year. liner Potsdam, bound from Gothen- which otherwise would have been O Senator Shafroth introduced a O burg for New York with a general sown to wheat, some fear of the Hes- O bill for universal disarmament O Ferecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for cargo, has been taken into Kirkwall sian fly, and to large supplies of wheat O through an international trib- O by the British authorities. The Stock- on hand. holm was purchased in October by the The condition of the crop on Dec. O Foreign relations committee in- O new Swedish-American Steamship 1 was slightly below the average for O definitely deferred resolution pro- O colder tonight with the lowest temper-Chicago, Dec. 17 .- Three officials of company and was on her first voyage that date and forecasts a production O posing investigation of British in- O ature about 10 degrees. Rising tem-

House Passes Tax Extension.

expected before tomorrow night. | ceding five years, 441,000,000 bushels. | 00000000000000 J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

HEAVY RAINS TURN RIVERS TOTORRENTS

in Grip of Raging Streams -Are Still Rising.

TOWNS ENDANGERED

Cities and Villages May Be Swept Away by Rapidly Increasing Floods.

continuous for the last 36 hours, was flying the United States flag at Port

likewise indicate that the rain has been heavy and that streams are in danger of breaking out of their banks if the rains continue.

As yet there has been little inconvenience here, railway, fraction and cording to the latest records of her street car companies reporting that however, give little promise of ceasing

The rainfall here in the last 24 hours was 1,90; 2.08 at Maysville, Ky., and 2.00 at Falmouth, Ky. At the lat-The Levenpool, a British steamer of ter point the Licking river stood at 24

Heaviest in Years

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 17. One of the heaviest rains in years has fallen over chamber by a vote of 594 to one voted New York, Dec. 17. - The relief Kentucky within the last 36 hours,

ports a rain fall of 4.19 inches during club, has provided a Christmas enterthe 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today tainment which will bring for to those infantry firing." At Frankfort 260 inches are reported, children who do not know in their and at Paducah, in the western part of own homes what a Santa Claus means. Havas agency sends the following unthe state, 2.33 inches. The heaviest An enormous tree has been set up and | der date of Dec. 15; fall, 4.42 inches, is reported from Clo- will be illuminated from top to bot-1 "In the course of the fighting durerport.

Frankfort show the Kentucky river of 350 youngsters has also been or- loniki the Bulgarians captured two Bridge 12% feet. The Ohio river at ings which will hold the good things les of British artillery, as well as 200 Madison, Ind., near the mouth of the to eat have been made by the ladies British prisoners." Kentucky river, rose 8.8 feet.

OFF IN ACREAGE INWHEATREPORT

This Year Than on the Preceding One.

acres, which compares with 42.912.000 land, which commanded an increase of acres sown a year ago: 37.128.000 two cents. acres sown a year ago; 37,128,800 two years ago and an average yearly acre- 0000000000000000000 age of 32,088,000 acres in the preced- O

"The reduction from the unusually O Senate: Met at noon. London, Dec. 14 .- (Delayed by cen- large acreage of last year is due partly O Took up the house resolution O

average changes in condition from O House: Met at noon. Washington, D. C., Dec. 17 - The outturn of the crop will be either O mittee to substantiate his im- o per hour.

RUSS FIRE UPON BUILDING FLYING AMERICAN FLAG?

ille, N. Y.)-The charge that Russian warships several months ago destroy-Kentucky and Ohio Valleys ed a building flying the American flag the Turkish government, the Oversens statement dealing with various allega-News Agency announced today. The tions of violations of international law by enemies of Turkey follows:

> "The Turkish government has lahed reports concerning violations of international law of the enemy Among them are the following: "On July 16 and 17 enemy airmen shelled the hospital at Havourlou-

humanely by the French and British and forced to assist in front of the works near Seddul-Bahr.

"The enemy fired with machine guns on peaceful inhabitants of Dikili. in Karasi, Asiatic Turkey. "On July 5 Russian torpedo boats

FLECT OFFICERS AT OTTUMWA MEETING

Ottumwa, In., Dec. 17. Practically! The text of today's official statem Heavy all of the old officers were reelected is as follows: th fell yester- place by the members of the Iowa state grange holding their closing of Armentieres a small British divissession here today. A banquet this ion yesterday penetrat that al- evening for members of the sixth destream within a gree finishes the week's work

Reports from Central Kentucky ITALIAN STEAMER IS

SUNK BY SUBMARINE London, Dec. 17, (19:19 a. m.)-The

sunk it is announced here. and had a gross tonnage of 5,167. Acmovements she sailed from Genoa Nov. 17 for Alexandria

Big Brother Committee of Elks Pro-Youansters.

There is to be a hig time for the a general attack at all our positions lodge of Eliks, acting with Mrs. J. F. tion of Rozai the enemy, after several At Louisville the weather bureau to- Huntoon, representing the Woman's days' aghting, occupied Rozal. tom. A supply of candy-calculated by ing the Franco-British retirement Reports to the weather bureau from the committee to satisfy the appetites from Glevgell (Serbia) towards Sa-

> sponsoring the move. More than three hundred children attended the event last year.

COLUMBIA DELEGATES

Pan-American Scientific congress to be operations on a large scale. o represent Columbia at the second seld at Washington beginning Dec. 27. arrived here today on the steamship Santa Maria from Central American the famous Krupp 42-centimeter guas

Another Rise Made by Oil. Washington, Dec. 17.—In announce oil producers to market the oil they then the Italians located it and deand rye, the department made this months, compelled the purchasing agents to announce a further advance "The acreage sown to winter wheat in prices today, five cents a barrel bethis autumn is estimated at 37,256,000 ing added to all grades except Rag-

> DAY IN CONGRESS. 0

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BERLIN SAYS **AUSTROARM** TAKES TOWN

Further Success for Invading Forces in Mesopotamia Is Reported.

CAPTURE BJELOPOLJE

Fall of Montenegrin City on River Lim Told in Official Statement.

m. At army headquarters the anfollowing heavy rain which has been destroyed a United States building nouncement was made today that the vading Montenegro have captured Bjelopalje on the Lim river about

Italian steamer Porto Said has been Field Marshal von Hindenburg: Rus-The Porto Said was 439 feet long and Mindnelcl broke down during the night and in the early morning in front of our pisitions with considerable losses to the enemy. One hundred and twenty men remain in our hands.

Forces Capture Town. "Army groups of Prince Leopold of

Bayaria and General von Linsingen: There is nothing to report. "Balkan theatre: Bjelopolje has been captured by a storm attack. More than 00 prisoners were taken."

Admit Retreat.

Paris, Dec. 16 (9:35 p. m.) - The lowing official Montenegrin communication was received here today: "On Dec. 14 the Austrians directed

"Along the other fronts there was

The Saloniki correspondent of the

30,000 Troops Ready.

The Milan correspondent of the Journal says it is estimated there are 30,000 Italian troops at Avalona, Albania. While the Avalona position is ARRIVE FOR MEETING hardly favorable for an offensive New York, Dec. 17. Three delegates movement, he says, the expedition may be regarded as the starting point of

Rome, Dec. 17 (via Paris, 5 a. m.)-A correspondent of the Idea Nazionale was brought from Germany recently and placed in position before Rovereto. The gun was fired 15 times with-Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 17.—Fallure of out doing any damage, he says, and

TWO ELECTROCUTED AT SING SING PRISON

Tooley of Athens, N. Y., and Ludwig Marquardt of Kingston, N. Y., murderers, were electrocuted at Sing Sing prison today.

THE WEATHER

6 Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity.

Generally fair tonight and Saturday,

O Temperature at 7 a. m. 27. Highest now until August; that is the prob- O Representative Buchanan did & yesterday 31; lowest last night 27, ability is about equal that the final O not appear before judiciary com- O Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. 12 miles

Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 100, at

o last 24 hours